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| Notice of Allowability | Application No. | Applicant(s) | |
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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 17 May 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,7,8 and 10-33.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 12 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 3-6 and 9 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-2, 7-8, and 10-33 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-2, 7-8, and 10-12 are allowed because claim 1 specifically requires that the pattern-selecting device include a first operating portion operated for initiating the intermittent gathering pattern, and a second operating portion operated for initiating the finishing pattern.

In addition, claim 7 specifically requires that the intermittent gathering pattern be performed by repeatedly changing the feeding amount of the differential feed dog relative to the feeding amount of the main feed dog based on an intended number of stitches. Claim 8 specifically requires that the finishing pattern be performed by substantially simultaneously minimizing feeding amounts of the main feed dog and the differential feed dog based on an intended number of stitches.

Claims 13-23 are allowed because claim 13 specifically requires that the at least one sewing pattern including an intermittent gathering pattern and a finishing pattern, the intermittent pattern being performed by repeatedly changing the feeding amount of the differential feed dog relative to the feeding amount of the main feed dog based on an interval of an intended number of stitches, and the finishing pattern being performed by substantially simultaneously minimizing feeding amounts of the main feed dog and the differential feed dog based on an intended number of stitches.

Claims 24 and 25 are allowed because claim 24 specifically requires transitioning to the second sewing pattern while the first sewing pattern is in use.

Claims 26-33 are allowed because claim 26 specifically requires that the selected at least one sewing pattern be changed to a second sewing pattern while the at least one sewing pattern is in use.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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